(c) whether it is a fact that no time frame has been fixed for the above said new scheme and there is no provision for any specific budget for it; and

(d) the progress report of the work done by Government in the above said field?

THE MINISTER OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI H.R. BHARDWAJ): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d) Does not arise.

Provisions of Motor Vehicles Act

†4058. SHRI LALIT KISHORE CHATURVEDI: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that under the section 168 of Motor Vehicles Act the presence of the accused person is not mandatory, in the case of the advocate of the accused person being present in the court or payment of the penalty mentioned in the summon, and the case should be disposed;

(b) whether it is also a fact that this provision is mandatory and it should be complied by the courts;

(c) the number of cases, which are punishable under this section, lying pending due to non-compliance of this section; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI H.R. BHARDWAJ): (a) to (d) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Recognition to same sex marriages

4059. SHRI SHAHID SIDDIQUI: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government plans to legally recognize the same sex marriages, now taking place in India;

(b) how many such cases have come to the notice of Government, by now;

(c) whether any action has been taken against them; and

(d) if so, the details thereof, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI H.R. BHARDWAJ): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d) No such cases have come to the notice of the Government.

Replacement of old laws

4060. SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that all the laws/rules now prevalent in the country were enforced by the British Government for their own benefit, and not for the Indians;

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.